The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Paul Hendricks Vice-Mayor Hershel Dick Councilmember Annette Allen Councilmember Bill Lusk

Councilmember Susan Robertson

Also present were:

Town Manager Honna Rogers
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
Town Recorder Mark Johnson
See attached list for others present

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order and initiated the pledge of allegiance. Reverend Walter Ruby of St. Andrews Anglican Church then led the invocation. The roll call found all council members present.

Prior Meetings' Minutes Review

Minutes of the February 11th and March 10th regular meetings and April 7th agenda meeting were discussed. Councilmember Robertson requested a correction to the March 10th minutes, under the "Resolutions" section, in which the statement "...each town could have two representatives on the 911 Board" be amended to say each town could nominate two representatives. Also, she requested that, under the "Ordinances" section, under the paragraph regarding the transfer station fee ordinance, the language referring to the ordinance as a resolution be changed. Councilmember Lusk suggested the language under the first paragraph of "General Discussions" of the April 7th meeting, which discussed an RFP proposal for the use of the old middle school grounds, include a statement to the effect that Councilmember Robertson volunteered to be on the committee that would evaluate proposals. Finally, Councilmember Robertson noted there were various, minor grammatical issues in the March 10th and April 7th meetings to be corrected. Upon motion by Councilmember Robertson and second by Councilmember Allen, the minutes, as amended, were approved unanimously.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE RED BANK HIGH SCHOOL JROTC RIFLE TEAM FOR THEIR UNDEFEATED SEASON." Hugh Enicks, Senior Army Instructor, commented on the team's season. The team was presented, and upon motion by Councilmember Lusk and second by Vice-Mayor Dick, the resolution was passed unanimously.

- 2. "A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND FAMILY OF STANLEY (STAN) CREWE FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Mayor Hendricks summarized the contributions made to the Town by the Crewe family, particularly the founding of the Signal Mountain Playhouse. Glenn Showalter commented on the resolution, noting Mr. Crewe was a large part of the Playhouse's success. The family of Mr. Crewe was present and recognized. Mayor Hendricks noted the resolution would be amended to specifically include Mr. Crewe's contributions to the Playhouse. Councilmember Robertson moved, and Councilmember Allen seconded, that the resolution be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. "A RESOLUTION HONORING INTERIM TOWN MANAGER LYNN WAMPLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN FROM DECEMBER 2007 TO MARCH 2008." Mayor Hendricks summarized Mr. Wampler's service to the Town. Councilmember Lusk moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded, the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAMILTION COUNTY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE NEW SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL AS A PART OF ITS BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR." Mayor Hendricks noted the Town had been funding its own resource officer. The Council agreed that the Sheriff candidates should also be contacted about providing an additional officer. Vice-Mayor Dick moved, and Councilmember Lusk seconded, that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

The following ordinance was presented:

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 1, OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE REGARDING REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL, TO INCLUDE A NEW SECTION 17-111, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL PICKUP SERVICES WITHIN EXISTING RESIDENCES ADJOINING PRIVATE STREETS WITHIN STONEWOOD AND JAMESTOWN CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS AS OF MAY 1, 2008." Mayor Hendricks opened a discussion, and he and Councilmember Robertson noted service on private roads in the condominium developments was an issue as the Town's garbage trucks could not adequately maneuver along them. Mayor Hendricks also noted there were two versions of the ordinance; one version exempted those residents who were disabled or over the age of 70 from being charged and the other did not. Jenny Nash, President of the Jamestown Homeowners' Association, and Lynn Cooper, a member of the Association, were present and indicated the Association was in favor of the ordinance. They requested the version including the exception for the elderly and disabled be passed. Councilmember Robertson inquired

what special service for such garbage pickup Jamestown currently had, to which Ms. Cooper responded a maintenance person was used, but could not perform the service anymore. Councilmember Lusk inquired if all garbage receptacles could be placed along the main avenue through Jamestown, to which Ms. Cooper responded "backdoor" service was simply easier for some. Council members Allen and Robertson and Mayor Hendricks indicated they were in favor of the version that made an exception for the elderly and disabled, and Mayor Hendricks stated the Town had a history of making such exceptions. Councilmember Robertson moved, and Councilmember Lusk seconded, that the ordinance which included exceptions for the elderly and disabled be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussions

Mayor Hendricks opened a discussion regarding a requested variance to the Town's sign ordinance. Andrew Hausler, architect for the school, and Eddie Gravitte, the SMMHS Principal, were invited to speak. Mayor Hendricks stated the variance involved constructing a sign with an electronic reader board, and such a reader board would be in violation of the current ordinance. He also noted there were aesthetic issues with the sign. Mr. Gravitte summarized the school's position, saying there were many things to communicate to parents and this would become an even greater issue in the future. He also noted a slow, delayed scroll was planned for the electronic message. Councilmember Lusk inquired if it would be just as effective to place the sign close to the school as opposed to beside the road. Mr. Hausler responded by saying the placement of the entrances for the Middle and High Schools made this impractical. Mayor Hendricks explained the sign would be visible to incoming middle school traffic and outgoing high school traffic and the location was determined, in part, by the position of electrical conduits. Mr. Noblett noted a variance should be done by another ordinance. However, a resolution would be possible if there was a current provision for variances in the current ordinance; although this approach wasn't desirable. Greg Goodgame, Chairman of the Design Review Committee (DRC), was then invited to speak. He felt equity would be an issue; that is, a variance in this situation might prompt others to request variances in the future. Councilmember Robertson inquired if the size of the sign was an issue, to which Mr. Goodgame replied only the reader board itself was an issue. Mayor Hendricks inquired if an ordinance with narrower language reflecting this specific situation would prevent future variance requests. Mr. Noblett said it would still be an issue; although, it would be possible to have language indicating the variance would be for governmental entities such as the school. Mayor Hendricks then noted setting a precedent may not matter because there would be different Councils in the future. Ms. Rogers noted she had contacted other municipalities, and their consensus was there was no significant safety risk posed if the message scrolled slowly. Councilmember Lusk invited comments from the citizens and Police Chief Veal. Chief Veal said the sign shouldn't be inherently dangerous if treated with care. One citizen asked how many students would be driving to school, to which Mr. Gravitte replied a crude estimate would be possibly 130. One citizen, Nancy Caldwell, stated she believed such a sign would contradict the Town's atmosphere. Dunn Monroe, Cherokee Lane, inquired as to who would pay for the sign,

to which Mr. Hausler replied it would be the Hamilton County School Board. Tom Wicks, Signal Road, said the internet is used at the school his children attend and there should be no need for a sign and constructing one would conflict with the nature of the community. Britt Reynolds, St. Charles, stated he believed information is good, but wondered if the information to be provided by the sign was of a special nature, and if the information would only reach a small audience; i.e., driving High School students. He also noted the nearby park deserves reverence. Mr. Gravitte noted the sign wouldn't just be for driving students, but middle school students traveling via bus and parents who drive students to school. Rachel Miller, James Boulevard, stated aesthetically, the sign would not look good. Councilmember Robertson said the \$15,000 cost of the project should be used for other educational purposes. Councilmember Lusk stated that, although he was pleased safety was not as much of a concern anymore, setting a precedent was still a concern, and he noted there were underprivileged families he knew who were able to receive information without the use of an electronic sign. Councilmember Allen agreed with the other Council members' comments, noting other alternatives should be sufficient. Vice Mayor Dick indicated he could not support the sign construction as the original ordinance was created to protect community design Mayor Hendricks noted that while he would defer to Mr. Gravitte for communication decisions for the school, the consensus seemed to be the proposal was unacceptable. He also asked if it would be acceptable to allow more time for a new proposal; however, the Council consensus was that it would not. Mr. Gravitte inquired if the opposition was to all signage or only to reader boards. Mayor Hendricks and Councilmember Robertson said any kind of reader board would be an issue. Vice-Mayor Dick moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded, that the proposal be declined. The motion passed unanimously.

Noah Long was then invited to speak, on behalf of Mountain Vision Committee, regarding a recent traffic study performed for the Town. He submitted an excerpt from the report and discussed assumptions and methods used by the engineers performing the study. The study indicated there were no significant "Macro" level issues; although some smaller issues were noted, such as the intersection adjacent to the CVS pharmacy. The engineers suggested a demand control system for the traffic light, rather than a timing system. He said this would be an expensive proposition, and would need to be part of the Town's long-range capital plan. Another issue noted was one related to the intersection of Shackleford Ridge Road and East Sam Powell Trail. Mr. Long noted the engineers felt the traffic situation along these roads would not be a problem; however, he disagreed, noting congested traffic along the road during beginning and ending school hours. He suggested an aggressive carpooling program was needed, particularly around Sam Powell Trail, and should be supported by the Town. Mayor Hendricks noted Sam Powell Trail was a County road, and the County would have to fund the project. Councilmember Allen said the PTA should be heavily involved in a carpooling program. Rachel Miller inquired if the "five points" intersection was considered in relation to traffic issues. Mayor Hendricks noted it was currently being considered.

Mayor Hendricks then opened a discussion of a proposed memorial policy for the Town. The DRC had developed a uniform policy. Greg Goodgame was again invited to speak.

He proposed an idea to match the Town's department needs with the desires of those wishing to create memorials for loved ones; i.e. — as certain structures were built or set up, citizens whose loved ones' interests matched that of the structure could place memorials on said structures. He also said the DRC wanted a significant amount of input on the front end for any such projects. Mayor Hendricks said it was good the policy was more prescriptive than restrictive. Councilmember Robertson noted the policy currently said, in one section, that the donor would be responsible for plaque installation, and felt this might be interpreted to mean they have to physically install it themselves. Mr. Goodgame replied by saying the intent was for the donor to be responsible for the cost, and Mayor Hendricks said language elsewhere in the document indicated this. Mr. Goodgame stressed the desire for consistency among plaque size; although the size should be relative to what the plaque would be placed on. Mayor Hendricks said the DRC was set up to approve memorial requests, and he also suggested that the Town departments designate sizes for plaques. He also noted Mr. Noblett would work on an ordinance for this proposal.

Lou Oliphant then presented a report on activities of the Planning Commission. She noted that on April 25th, the Commission would have a work session on subdivision regulations. The regular meeting took place on April 3rd, in which the final plat for the Nolan Elementary pump station was approved. It would be fully accepted when the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance. Mr. Noblett said the Board of Zoning Appeals may have already approved it, but the Commission should not sign off on any plat until notified by the Board. She also noted the Commission would meet on April 15th at the Mountain Arts Community Center for a planning session.

Department Reports

Police Department:

Chief Boyd Veal reported that radio upgrades had recently been made. On April 25th and 26th, the "Relay for Life" would be held at SMMS, which would also include a "Jail or Bail" event. He noted he had applied for and received a scholarship in the amount of \$2,600.00 for admission to a law enforcement leadership program at UTC.

Fire Department:

Chief John Vlassis thanked the Council for the Town's purchase of a Ford Escape for the department. The fire department's radios were also upgraded. The department recently applied for a grant for a fire apparatus that was subject to a 5% matching provision. He stated the desire for parents to remember to keep their children safe during this time of year, which included prom and graduation season. From May 1st to May 30th, there will be no open burning allowed. Finally, he noted three new part-time firefighters were hired.

MACC:

Karen Shropshire said the camp brochure had been sent and described some of what was offered in the program. She thanked the Lions Club for their contributions in work on the cafeteria. Fire exits will be installed in the near future. Also, roofers are going to be making repairs to a part of the roof. There were exterior double-doors that had begun to rot, and a builder had begun measurements for replacement. An "Earth Day" event will be held at the MACC in the near future. The "Go Green" series will be completed on May 3rd. She thanked the Council for training opportunities, as well as opportunities for the arts to flourish.

Public Works:

Loretta Hopper presented her report. She noted radios in workers' trucks were replaced. There had been significant brush pickup and pothole repairs. The paving schedule would soon be set up. The process of setting up raised pavement markers had been caught up, with 257 markers having been put in place. Mayor Hendricks asked about the status of a grant for the "Safe Routes to School Program". Ms. Hopper said it had not yet been received.

Library:

Karin Glendenning presented her report. She recently attended the Tennessee Library Association convention. She appreciated the course and what was learned. Several books had been checked in and out around Easter. A new part-time employee, Teresa Barnes, was hired. "Poetry Night" will be held on April 24 to celebrate National Poetry Month. On May 17th, the Library will be celebrating its 20th birthday in the current building.

Recreation:

Jarred Thompson gave his report. Park and ball field maintenance has started. The pool was filled, and other pool preparations were made such as pouring related chemicals and filling cracks. The pump room had developed a sizeable leak. Mayor Hendricks inquired if work on Norris field was going smoothly, to which Jarred replied some work had been done, but he had received no real feedback from citizens.

Water:

William Sanders, Director of Utilities, gave his report, noting more than 24,000,000 gallons of water had been pumped during the month. No major leaks had occurred. The No. 1 pump at the station was repaired and operational again. There were several usual projects such as work orders, a valve installation, repairs, work on Norris Field, etc. He also noted there were certain water lines to be replaced in the near future.

Other Business

Ms. Rogers presented a memo recommending Russ Blakely for insurance brokerage. Mayor Hendricks noted the previous broker did a good job; however, it was general good governance to evaluate professional services periodically. Ms. Rogers was thanked for her reports.

Claire Grisinger, Carriage Hill, in referencing the sign variance request noted above, inquired if the Hamilton County Board of Education had to have the Town's permission to construct an electronic sign. Mr. Noblett said they probably could, in theory, put it up without Town permission but they had, so far, respected our ordinances.

Allison Seay, Signal Road, was present to speak for families living near Norris Field. She obtained 36 signatures of citizens who wanted to keep the baseball portion of the field intact. Mayor Hendricks said for now the field is intact. Ms. Seay asked if any more fencing would be erected, to which the Mayor replied there were no plans to do so at that point. Ms. Rogers noted there would be a community meeting on this issue, led by Steve Jacoway, a member of the Recreation Board. Charles White, Ridgeway Avenue, said a fence should at least be placed on the Signal Road side as children could get near the road and be in danger of fast moving traffic.

Katherine Cordell, Kentucky Avenue, was present to discuss her belief that her children were being physically and verbally harassed by the police department, citing specific alleged actions on the part of officers. Mayor Hendricks said video tape evidence relating to certain of those events had been reviewed, with no indication that officers acted inappropriately. She had contacted the ACLU regarding the matter and Mr. Noblett gave her his contact information in the event the ACLU needed to contact him.

Tom Wicks, Signal Road, requested that backstops at Norris field either be completely left standing or completely torn down. Also, he requested more interdepartmental cooperation, citing an event in which he requested debris be picked up near his property, but personnel indicated it was another department's responsibility.

Britt Reynolds, St. Charles, made a request that an ordinance forbidding rock climbing be repealed/modified, etc. Mayor Hendricks said it would be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Paul Hendricks, Mayor

Recorder

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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE RED BANK HIGH SCHOOL JROTC RIFLE TEAM FOR THEIR UNDEFEATED SEASON.

WHEREAS, the Red Bank High School JROTC Rifle Team were undefeated with a record of 8 and 0 for the 2007-2008 season; and

WHEREAS, the Rifle Team put in many hours of practice from August 2007 through February 2008; and WHEREAS, the Rifle Team spent endless hours exhibiting patience strength and mental capacity in practices and competition; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank High School JROTC Rifle Team were named the Mid East Tennessee Rifle League Regular Season Champions, Mid East Tennessee Rifle League Tournament Champions, and the Hamilton County Superintendent Cup Champions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Red Bank High School JROTC Rifle Team are: Brian Craig, Brett Gardner, Travis Dubert, Michael Ramey, Chase Griffin, Abigail McClure and their coach, Hugh Enicks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee recognizes and commends the Red Bank High School JROTC Rifle Team for their undefeated season. All citizens of the Town are encouraged to commend the Red Bank High School JROTC Rifle Team for their outstanding performance this year.

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A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND FAMILY OF STANLEY (STAN) CREWE FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

WHEREAS, Stan Crewe was a resident of the Town of Signal Mountain for over 43 years before his recent death; and

WHEREAS, during that time he offered countless hours to the betterment of our community through his continuing service which resulted in designs for 24 scouting patches for the Boy Scout Camporees in this area; and

WHEREAS, Stan and Nanci Crewe were founding members of the Signal Mountain Playhouse; and

WHEREAS, the Signal Mountain Playhouse has requested that the entrance road to the Playhouse be named Stan Crewe Way; and

WHEREAS, Stan Crewe was an exceptional artist in this community who donated his talent to the Town by designing and making, with funding from the Lion's Club, the WELCOME TO SIGNAL MOUNTAIN sign at Shoal Creek Road which greets all visitors to the Town of Signal Mountain and graces the cover of the Signal Mountain Directory; and

WHEREAS, Stan Crewe built the Christmas train in 2003 that resides seasonally in James Park and serves as a memorable Christmas tradition for our children; and

WHEREAS, Stan Crewe is remembered in this community as the husband of Nanci Crewe for 47 years and as the father of two children, David Crewe and Allison Crewe Phillips, and one grandchild.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE, that the memory and family of Stan Crewe are hereby honored for his outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee and that the entrance road to the Signal Mountain Playhouse is designated Stan Crewe Way.

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A RESOLUTION HONORING INTERIM TOWN MANAGER LYNN WAMPLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN FROM DECEMBER 2007 TO MARCH 2008.

WHEREAS, Lynn Wampler has served the Town of Signal Mountain for four months as Interim Town Manager; and

WHEREAS, his length of service to the town includes many worthwhile and lasting accomplishments including:

- Providing invaluable, qualified advice to and support of the Town Council and citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain.
- Implementing a Capitol Projects Fund;
- Overseeing the finalization and adoption of a personnel policy manual, handbook, job descriptions, and organization charts;
- Collaborating with department heads to reorganize, support, and improve efficiency and employee morale;
- Finalizing and implementing an equitable employee pay plan;
- Instituting a Town vehicle policy and regular maintenance and equipment program;
- Securing a regular water tower maintenance plan;
- Reviewing, revising, and updating an annexation plan of services;
- Initiating budget preparation for departments 2008-09;
- Implementing job searches, interviews, and ultimately the hiring of a Town Manager and a Finance Director.

WHEREAS, Interim Town Manager Lynn Wampler's outstanding service to the Town of Signal Mountain reflects well upon both Mr. Wampler and the Town; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Wampler's many achievements have rightfully earned him the nickname, "The Wizard";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE, that Lynn Wampler is hereby honored for his outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, that he has a permanent invitation to observe, advise and make suggestions in regards to the operation of the Town of Signal Mountain, based on his vast experience and wisdom; and that he is hereby made an honorary citizen of the Town of Signal Mountain.

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE NEW SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL AS A PART OF ITS BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the new Signal Mountain High School will open in August, 2008; and

WHEREAS, at this time there is no School Resource Officer assigned to the Signal Mountain High School; and

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer is a visible law enforcement presence on campus to deter, prevent, and respond to crime; and

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer serves as a guest classroom instructor, teaching law-related and safety-related topics which are relevant to the school's learning goals. School Resource Officer also serves as an informal advisor and conflict mediator to students; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Signal Mountain currently supplies a School Resource Officer for the Signal Mountain Middle School and Nolan and Thrasher Elementary Schools and will be unable to fund an additional School Resource Officer for the new high school; and

WHEREAS, the Signal Mountain Town Council would urge the Hamilton County Commission to provide students at the Signal Mountain High School with adequate funding for a School Resource Officer which is necessary for the operation of this new school.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Signal Mountain Town Council requests the Hamilton County Commission to provide funding for a School Resource Officer for the new Signal Mountain High School as a part of its budget for the 2008-2009 school year.

MAYOR

April 14, 2008